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SUBJ: OPENING OF THE 50TH POZNAN INTERNATIONAL FAIR

COMMERCE FOR B RT/OEWCA AND BEWT/OEWTD

1. THE 50TH POZNAN INTERNATIONAL FAIR, FEATURING COMMERCIAL EXIBITS FROM POLISH ENTERPRISES AND 38 FOREIGN COUNTRIES, OPDMED ON TIME ON A CLOUDY, CHILLY DAY, JUNE 11. THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY BEGAN AT 10:00 A.M IN FRONT OF THE MAIN FAIR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. WELCOMING SPEECHES WERE MADE, FIRST BY THE PRESIDENT (MAYOR) OF THE CITY OF POZNAN, WLADYSLAW SLEBODA, AND SECOND BY UNCLASSIFIED

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MINISTER OF FOREING TRADE JERZY OLSZEWSKI. IN HIS REMARKS, THE MINISTER MENTIONED THE NAMES OF VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE REP. LUCIEN N. NEDZI, (D.-MICH.). POLISH OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE OPENING INCLUDED FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK, PRIME MINISTER PIOTR JAROSZEWCZ, AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL PARTY MEMBERS.

2. FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL OPENING, THE U.S. DELEGATION, LED BY REP. NEDZI AND AMBASSADOR WILLIAM SCHAUFELE, TOURED THE FAIRGROUNDS AND VISITED SEVERAL POLISH PAVILIONS.

3. AT 11:30 A.M THE U.S. DELEGATION TOURED THE U.S. PAVILION AND MET WITH EXHIBITORS IN EACH STAND. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN.

4. AT 12:35 P.M THE U.S. PAVILION WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED. MRS. NEDZI CUT THE RIBBON. THERE WERE NO SPEECHES, BUT SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN.

5. AT 2:10 P.M THE POLISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATION VISITED THE U.S. PAVILION. THE GROUP WAS LED BY MESSRS. GIEREK AND JAROSZEWCZ, ALONG WITH VICE-PREMIERS SZYDLAK AND JAGIELSKI AND MINISTER OLSZEWSKI. THEY WERE GREETED BY REP. AND MRS. NEDZI, AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. EXHIBITION, WILLIAM VITOUS, AND EMBASSY AND CONSULATE OFFICERS. THE VISIT LASTED 25 MINUTES, ABOUT TWICE AS LONG AS IN 1977. THE POLISH DELEGATION MADE SEVERAL STOPS TO TALK WITH EXHIBITORS, INCLUDING SOME WHO WERE NEW TO THE FAIR. A CHAMPAGNE TOAST WAS SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT. COMMENT. THE U.S. PAVILION WAS ONE OF THE FEW WESTERN PAVILIONS ON THE POLISH DELEGATION'S SCHEDULE. OTHERS WERE GREAT BRITAIN, UNCLASSIFIED

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AUSTRIA, JAPAN, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, AND ITALY. END COMMENT. LATER, AT A LUNCH GIVEN BY MINISTER OLSZEWSKI, REP. NEDZI AND AMB. SCHAUFELE TALKED FURTHER WITH SECRETARY GIEREK AND PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWCZ AND OTHER POLISH OFFICIALS.

6. WITH AN EXCELLENT EFFORT BY THE POLISH CONTRACTOR, POLEXPO, THE U.S. PAVILION WAS READY ON TIME RPT ON TIME FOR THE OPENING AND ALL EXHIBITORS WERE IN PLACE.

7. IN ADDITION, BEFORE OPENING DAY, THE U.S. PAVILION HOSTED AN EXHIBITORS' BRIEFING AND PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 9 AND 10, RESPECTIVELY. BOTH WERE SUCCESSFUL. ONE HUNDRED AND TEN POLISH REPRESENTATIVES OF RADIO, TELEVISION, NEWSPAPERS, AND OTHER PERIODICALS ATTENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE. EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS SAID IT WAS THE LARGEST TURNOUT IN RECENT MEMORY FOR THIS EVENT. AT BOTH MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY POZNAN CONSUL PATRICK FLOOD, POZNAN PRESS OFFICER PATRICK HODAI, MR. VITOUS, AND WARSAW TRADE CENTER DIRECTOR WILLIAM SCHRAGE.

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